



August 3, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared Technical Working Group Report; IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write to you today to urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve the launch of LightSquared's network as soon as possible, without causing any major disruption to GPS devices.

Given that the demand for wireless broadband data services has been rapidly rising across the U.S., it's imperative that more spectrum be assigned and committed to wireless broadband as soon as possible. I know the National Broadband Plan reiterates this point, which both the FCC and President agree with.

LightSquared has proposed a new 4G-LTE network that represents our country's best chance in the short term to significantly expand America's wireless broadband spectrum. This network will be privately funded, and will use spectrum space that has long been assigned to LightSquared and its predecessors. The company would provide wholesale access to its revolutionary wireless broadband network to 260 million Americans, including those in rural areas that currently lack any ability to connect to the internet wirelessly.

By providing this service wholesale, LightSquared will increase competition in the wireless industry. A wholesale 4G-LTE provider would allow new entrants to the market to launch their own service, including retailers that sell electronic devices necessitating broadband wireless connectivity.

Naturally though, nothing worthwhile seems to come easy. The media has reported on interference issues that have the potential to disrupt GPS receivers in tests of LightSquared's transmissions. With obvious reason, the FCC should proceed carefully so that GPS devices

aren't disabled. The GPS industry should be made to follow the path the FCC has already laid out: convene a cooperative technical working group of all the stakeholders, test exactly how much interference exists, and lastly develop a remediation plan.

However, the political pressure GPS companies have placed on the Federal Communications Commission is entirely inappropriate. An intervention by Congress into the existing and ongoing regulatory review process would further delay the deployment of LightSquared's new and innovative system. It would kill jobs, deny competitive parity, and stop important infrastructure investments that are critical to all Americans - especially now as our country continues to work its way out of a debilitating recession. This is especially true for rural America and small towns where economic development is vital to their success.

It would seem that any outstanding GPS interference issues are resolvable with the addition of filters to the GPS devices that mistakenly look inside LightSquared's spectrum for GPS signals. The GPS industry has had many years to prepare for the optimization of the neighboring spectrum occupied by LightSquared - it should have these filters already built into their receivers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chad Wilkins", with a stylized, flowing script.

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